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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

4 v.

13-cr-795 (RWS)

5 RYAN KNIGHTS and
6 JORDAN KAPCHAN,

7 Defendants.
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New York, N.Y.
9 March 15, 2016
10 4:10 p.m.

11 Before:

12 HON. ROBERT W. SWEET

13 District Judge

14 APPEARANCES

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Southern District of New York

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1 (In open court)

2 THE CLERK: United States of America v. Ryan Knights
3 and Jordan Kapchan. Government, are you ready?

4 MR. BOVE: Yes. Thank you. Good afternoon, your
5 Honor. Emil Bove for the government.

6 THE CLERK: Defendant, are you ready?

7 MS. WALSH: Yes, your Honor. Susan Walsh on behalf of
8 Mr. Ryan Knights, to my left. Also on behalf of Mr. Knights is
9 my colleague, John Buza, who is in the mentoring program. With
10 the Court's permission I ask that he be permitted --

11 THE COURT: Sure.

12 MS. WALSH: Thank you.

13 THE COURT: I'm delighted to have him.

14 MR. O'ROURKE: Good afternoon, your Honor. James
15 O'Rourke on behalf of Jordan Kapchan.

16 THE COURT: What would you all like to achieve this
17 afternoon?

18 MR. BOVE: Your Honor, the parties are prepared, I
19 believe, to proceed to trial, and I have a pretrial motion
20 schedule to propose, and then we're seeking a trial date, to
21 the extent the Court is available, in September or October of
22 this year.

23 THE COURT: Are there going to be any motions?

24 MR. BOVE: My understanding is that defense counsel is
25 still evaluating whether or not to file motions, and so they

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1 would ask for a little bit more time to do so. We would
2 propose that any motions be filed by August 12, with the
3 government's response two weeks later by August 26, that those
4 are cued up in early September. And then the parties would be
5 prepared to proceed with whatever schedule your Honor would
6 like to set.

7 THE COURT: OK. So you say motions to be made by?

8 MR. BOVE: August 12 is our proposal, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: OK. And so they would be returnable
10 sometime thereafter. And then trial?

11 MR. BOVE: Government opposition due on the 26th.

12 THE COURT: OK.

13 MR. BOVE: And then replies if necessary seven days
14 after that.

15 THE COURT: And so it makes sense that we hear it on
16 the 8th. That sounds about right, doesn't it?

17 MR. BOVE: Yes, your Honor.

18 THE COURT: And then after that we'll set a trial --
19 well, look, do we want to try to set a tentative trial date
20 now? Let me ask you, the motions are dispositive motions or
21 evidentiary or whatever? What? We don't know.

22 MR. BOVE: Well, I would propose to use that August
23 12th date for dispositive motions, and then perhaps set a
24 separate schedule.

25 THE COURT: Yes. I think that probably makes sense.

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1 OK. And we'll stop the clock until September 8 to give the
2 defense an opportunity to determine motions and make motions if
3 necessary, etc., etc.

4 Anything further?

5 MR. BOVE: Yes, your Honor, if I may. The Court has
6 been very permissive in the scheduling so far in this case,
7 allowing the parties a great deal of time to engage in plea
8 negotiations to the extent that either of these defendants is
9 interested in doing so. I do think that we're at the point
10 where it would be productive to set a trial date, with the
11 expectation, it is government's understanding at this point
12 that Mr. Knights intends to proceed to trial. I think for all
13 parties involved having a firm date set for planning purpose,
14 to the extent the Court has availability --

15 THE COURT: It's OK with me. How long is the
16 government's case, do you think?

17 MR. BOVE: I would anticipate two weeks maximum, your
18 Honor.

19 THE COURT: Pardon me?

20 MR. BOVE: Approximately two weeks.

21 THE COURT: Well, what do you all think? Let's see.
22 The motions will be heard on the 8th. Would it make sense to
23 talk about October 3 as a trial date?

24 MR. BOVE: That works for the government, your Honor.
25 Thank you.

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1 THE COURT: OK?

2 MS. WALSH: Yes. I think that makes sense, your
3 Honor. October 3 is fine.

4 THE COURT: All right. Thank you all very much.
5 Anything else?

6 MR. BOVE: Is there a time that your Honor would like
7 to set on the 8th to see us?

8 THE COURT: Pardon me?

9 MR. BOVE: A time on the 8th of September that your
10 Honor would like to see us?

11 THE COURT: It would be noon.

12 MR. BOVE: Thank you very much.

13 THE COURT: OK. Thank you all.

14 MS. WALSH: Thank you very much, your Honor.

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